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December Tech Teachers

Terri Estes, LCM High School Principal said, "It is wonderful to have teachers who are willing to embrace new technologies in order to improve instruction. These teachers had the initiative to take an idea and make it a reality." Ms. DeShazo and Ms. Davis consistently use resources provided by the District and other technology tools to enhance student learning. They recently used Interwrite pads for classroom instruction, recorded their lessons, and posted them on School Tube for students to review. Students are provided additional opportunities to review the material from their classroom instruction as needed. Congratulations to our teachers for integrating technology into the classroom and beyond.

Technology Teachers of the Month



Jamie DeShazo & Billy Gay Davis

Technology Tips

Lock Your Computer

It is always best practice to lock your computer when you will be away from it for awhile. If your laptop is left logged on and you leave for lunch, anyone can use your account. To lock your computer, press Ctrl+Alt+Delete together and select lock computer.



Hide Username and Password

All employee and student usernames and passwords should be kept private. Please do not have this information visible on your desk, attached to the computer or under your mouse pad. Having a student list displayed in the open with this information will allow any person who enters a classroom access to not only the login information but also to a student's lunch and library account.

Turn Off Computers

On Fridays, shut down all computers to allow the fan and motor to cool down. This will allow the computer a much needed "weekend vacation".





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Improved LCM Technology Website

It's here and better than ever. Have you visited the new and improved [LCM Technology website](#)? We have made many improvements and continue to add content for you daily. One section that is sure to save time is the [Resources](#) especially for teachers. There you will find guides and valuable information to different programs in the district. We have recently added a section for [Online Safety](#) with links to lessons by grade level or topics. Each month we will post new [Technology Tips](#) that are sure to help you in build your technology knowledge. I have had teachers, students, and parents ask me how to get to the Technology Website. Here are the steps to follow:

- *Go to the LCM District home page
- *Go to Administration
- *District Departments
- *Technology



New Technology Website

LCM Technology Department



Click the Bear
for Link to
Animation.

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Atomic Learning

Little Cypress- Mauriceville has purchased the web-based Atomic Learning software to help employees become efficient at integrating technology. Atomic Learning (AL) provides training tutorials on over 110 of the most commonly used software application and other technology resources. We have been on each campus introducing this innovative professional development platform to LCM's faculty and staff. The great part about AL is that it can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It provides short, step-by-step instructions on applications such as Microsoft Office, Adobe products, Texas Instrument calculators, iPad, iTouch, and many other new emerging technologies. The full implementation with LCM's faculty

and staff will be scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2010. Future plans include student access during the second quarter of 2011. If you have not received training or have not been assigned to take the Tech Skills Assessment, please contact the Technology Help Desk at 670-4600 to obtain information about your login. All teachers need to complete the assigned assessment before the spring of 2011. One feature of Atomic Learning is to prescribe training according to the score and results of the assessment; then Technology can provide relevant training according to the needs of the District.





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K-12 Databases & EBSCO

What is this and who is eligible to use it? K-12 Databases are online resources for all Texas public schools funded by the Texas Legislature. It provides access to a broad range of age appropriate, relevant materials from Britannica Digital Learning and EBSCO Publishing. The access is 24/7/365 to students, teachers, parents, and school leaders from school and home. It enables students to acquire, practice, and apply higher order thinking skills resulting in better learning outcomes and better preparation for life after high school. Read the 10

Top Reasons to use the K-12 Databases:



1. Help increase student achievement and promote 21st Century Skills
2. Help differentiate instruction
3. Address core content standards
4. Critical to college and career readiness
5. Provide equitable access to quality resources
6. Support parental involvement
7. Allow educators to keep current and grow professionally
8. Promote technology literacy for students, teachers, and administrators
9. Assist educators in reaching the advanced and target levels in STaR Chart
10. Promote health at your school

The New Gaggle

Have you visited Gaggle lately? It's new and improved with apps for your learning needs. Gaggle Apps are a suite of safe online learning tools that will propel students and teachers into 21st century learning.



Gaggle Apps include:

1. Zoho Docs & Spreadsheets
2. Gaggle Social Learning Wall
3. Filtered Blogs
4. Homework Drop Boxes
5. GaggleTube (filtered YouTube video access)
6. Safe Student-Teacher Mobile Texting
7. Gaggle Widgets
8. Digital Lockers and Collaboration
9. Gaggle Safe iPod Touches

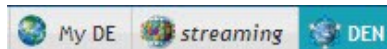
Gaggle lets teachers use professional technology to communicate with their students, organized their classes, and maximize instructional time and engagement.

Gaggle helps students learn how to communicate in a professional manner, engages them using technology, and helps them learn the 21st Century skills they need for their future.

Gaggle provides a safe collection of instructional and communication tools controlled by district, so teachers can focus on teaching, with confidence in the security of students.

Discovery Streaming

Many teachers still refer to it by United Streaming, but have you seen the new features that are available? The software is much more than show a video to students. Discovery Streaming has expanded into the 21st Century learning with three main sections for the teacher in mind.



My DE ([Discovery Educator](#)) page is where teachers can personalize the resources to match content and tools for quick access. The [Streaming](#) section is the most familiar spot where we search for video content and save into categorized folders. The [DEN](#) section is for those teachers who enjoy social networking to connect with teachers globally to share and learn together. Check out the free [Puzzlemaker](#) and tools!

